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(DOWNEY)

HONG KONG--THE BROTHER OF AN AMERICAN SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE IN RED CHINA AS AN ALLEGED CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SPY SAID TODAY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE TURNED DOWN HIS MOTHER'S APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE.

WILLIAM DOWNEY, OF NEW BRITAIN, CONN., TOLD OF VISITING HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A PEKING PRISON IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL FROM THE SOUTH CHINA CITY OF CANTON. HE AND HIS MOTHER, MRS. MARY DOWNEY, WERE SPENDING THE NIGHT AT CANTON BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG EN ROUTE HOME. DOWNEY SAID HIS BROTHER APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE RELEASED SOON.

THE MOTHER AND BROTHER CROSSED THE BAMBOO CURTAIN NOV. 2 TO VISIT JOHN AND MAKE A NEW PLEA FOR HIS RELEASE.

WILLIAM SAID THEY VISITED JOHN EIGHT TIMES DURING THEIR STAY IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL AND FOUND HIM IN GOOD SPIRITS.

"AS FAR AS I CAN SEE IT, HE LOOKS HEALTHY AND HAS PRETTY DECENT CLOTHES," WILLIAM SAID.

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